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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

VIA: Chairman, Language Development Committee

FROM:   
Director of Training and Education

SUBJECT: Language Program Review

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1. The Program Evaluation Staff, Office of Training and Education (OTE), working under the direction of the Deputy Director for Curriculum and the Language Development Committee (LDC) is conducting a comprehensive review of Language Training Division's language training programs. We are now reviewing the Russian program and soon will evaluate the Arabic and French programs. Eventually we will examine all language training programs, including the Headquarters part-time offerings.

2. The evaluation is a rigorous process designed to review all areas of language instruction, including instructional technique, job relevance and quality of materials, new technologies, and efficiency of delivery. The review is being conducted with the assistance of external program review panels -- e.g. a SE Division panel is helping with the Russian review -- and will tap the opinions of current and former students, their managers, outside experts, and language instructors.

3. Implementation of any recommendations will be undertaken in close coordination with the Language Development Committee and our customers in the Directorates. This review initiative opens the door to an exciting future in foreign language training in CIA in which the Language Training Division, in partnership with the customers, will offer relevant and high-quality instruction.

4. I will keep you informed about progress of this curriculum review.

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